

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 11-16, 18, and 20-22 are pending. Claims 10 and 17 are canceled herein. Claims 2, 5 and 19 were previously canceled. Claims 7 and 12 are amended herein.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 20-22.

The rejections of Claims 7 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider et al. in view of Henkel, of Claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fields et al. in view of Henkel, and of Claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider et al. in view of Henkel and further in view of Kokrhanek have been obviated by the amendments to the claims made herein.

Specifically, Claim 7 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of dependent Claim 10 (now canceled), which heretofore has only been objected to on the basis that it depends from a rejected claim. Similarly, Claim 12 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of dependent Claim 17 (now canceled), which heretofore has only been objected to on the basis that it depends from a rejected claim. As previously rejected Claims 8, 9, and 13-16 depend from now-amended Claim 7 or Claim 10, these claims should now also be considered in condition for allowance.

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